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## **DECISION**

Assignor:

Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp.

600 Prospect Avenue

Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Assignee:

American Gilsonite Company 29950 South Bonanza Highway

Bonanza, Utah 84008

Federal Gilsonite Leases

UTU-0115850, UTU-0122693,

UTU-0122694, UTU-0124568,

UTU-0126939 and UTU-76312

Gilsonite Statewide Bond

Assignments of Federal Gilsonite Leases Approved
Personal Gilsonite Statewide Bond Accepted
Backed by Negotiable Treasury Security

On June 24, 2015, American Gilsonite Company submitted assignments of Federal gilsonite leases UTU-0115850, UTU-0122693, UTU-0122694, UTU-0124568, UTU-0126939 and UTU-76312, with Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp., as assignor, and American Gilsonite Company, as assignee.

Satisfactory evidence of the qualifications and holdings of American Gilsonite Company has been filed, required pursuant to the regulations at 43 CFR 3512.13. Therefore, the assignments meet the requirements of the regulations and are hereby approved effective July 1, 2016. Approval of the assignments does not constitute approval of any of the terms therein which may be in violation of the lease terms.

On May 10, 2016, American Gilsonite Company furnished to this office a satisfactory Statewide Personal Mineral bond and Power of Attorney in the amount of \$150,000.00 which increases their statewide bond coverage for Federal gilsonite leases in Utah. A U.S. Treasury Note in the amount of \$150,000.00 has been pledged with the Federal Reserve System to the account for the Bureau of Land Management for use in the case of default.

This document has been examined and found to be satisfactory. The personal statewide bond is hereby accepted as of the date of filing of the personal mineral bond and power of attorney form, May 10, 2016.

The U.S. Treasury Note has an interest rate of .875%, maturing on March 31, 2018. This bond will be retained for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) until (1) this office is satisfied there is no further need for the bond, (2) satisfactory replacement bond coverage is furnished, or (3) the maturity date of the bond. If the Treasury Note is not rolled over and is still in the account at the maturity date, it will be converted to cash deposits in this office's suspense account, without any further interest accruing, until a final determination is made as to whether the bond is still needed.

The regulations at 43 CFR 3504.60 does allow for the amount of any bond to be increased when additional coverage is determined to be appropriate. A written request must be submitted when you want to have the period of liability of this bond terminated.

If you have any further questions, please contact Bill Buge of this office at (801) 539-4086.

Kent Hoffman

Deputy State Director

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## Enclosures:

1. Assignments

cc: BLM Vernal Field Office (UTG01)

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